

*Amend claim 14 as follows:*

14. The device as recited in claim 12, wherein at least a portion of said bactericidal metal is crystalline silver.

*Amend claim 15 as follows:*

15. The device as recited in claim 12, wherein said antimicrobial sheet material further comprises silver-containing nylon fabric.

*Amend claim 16 as follows:*

16. The device as recited in claim 12, wherein said antimicrobial sheet material further comprises:

a first layer of polymeric material; and

a second layer engaging at least one side of said first layer, said second layer containing said bactericidal metal.

*Amend claim 17 as follows:*

17. The device as recited in claim 12, wherein said antimicrobial sheet material further comprises:

a first layer of polymeric material including a gel composition including a block copolymer and mineral oil; and

a second layer engaging at least one side of said first layer, said second layer containing said bactericidal metal.

*Amend claim 18 as follows:*

18. The device as recited in claim 12, wherein said appliance is at least somewhat flexible.

*Amend claim 19 as follows:*

19. The device as recited in claim 12, wherein said appliance is at least somewhat shapeable.

*Amend claim 20 as follows:*

20. A treatment device, comprising:  
an antimicrobial sheet material having  
a first layer of polymeric material, and  
a second layer engaging at least one side of said first layer,  
said second layer containing silver; and  
a dental appliance for retaining said antimicrobial sheet material in  
a selected position engaging a treatment site so that, when said antimicrobial sheet  
material is in selected position, said antimicrobial sheet material releases metal  
ions to said treatment site when wetted.